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2 clues go missing in killing of RFK

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Two pieces of evidence in the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy are missing, it was revealed yesterday.

A lawyer said bullet-scarred ceiling panels had been destroyed and the left sleeve of the senator's jacket was missing.

But Dion Morrow, a special counsel in the city attorney's office, said the evidence was "not of great significance."

A Superior Court judge has ordered new tests on the revolver Sirhan Sirhan used to kill Kennedy to test the theory that a second gunman was at the scene.

Now the city council is to investigate the missing evidence.

Morrow said the ceiling panels were destroyed by a "lower echelon" police officer a year after the trial because they were never introduced in evidence.

Critics of the original investigation claim the bullet holes could help determine how many bullets were fired and from what direction.

Morrow said: "Even if you have the panels you couldn't put them back because you wouldn't know where they were in the first place.

"The left sleeve of the senator's coat disappeared before the trial. But there was no significance to the sleeve. Kennedy's shirt is in the possession of the court, and there are no bullet holes in the left sleeve."

City Councillor Zev Yarowslavsky, who wants a re-examination of trial evidence, disagrees with Morrow.

He said: "This was an assassination which had ramifications not only throughout this country but throughout the world.

"That one year after the assassination some pertinent evidence such as the ceiling panels was destroyed raises some serious questions."